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Application No.: 09/818,627)	
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Filed: March 28, 2001)	
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For: IMAGE REPRODUCTION)	March 13, 2003
APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING	:	
APPARATUS, AND METHOD)	
THEREFOR	:	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed, together with English-language Abstracts. Applicants believe that the Abstracts sufficiently summarize the relevant aspects of the cited documents.

The documents were cited in an Office Action issued December 24, 2002 on counterpart Japanese patent application 2001-063921. A copy of that Office Action is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

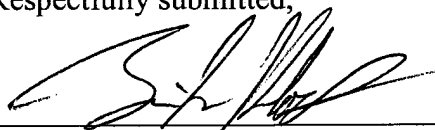
Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered.

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